

## Research With Results

Our staff monitors philanthropic practices and carefully and systematically researches potential areas for reform that can make a positive, progressive difference for nonprofits and the communities they serve. We have long advocated for significantly improving philanthropic accountability and responsiveness. With our recommendations for reform, we hope to bring a sense of democratic and fair governance and oversight to the billions of dollars held in the trust of the sector.

## A History of Impact

Since 1976, our research and campaigns have contributed to vital improvements in the philanthropic sector, such as:

- **Led the campaign to get foundations to publish annual reports.** Now many foundations have institutionalized annual reporting, significantly improving transparency in the sector.
- [Challenged United Way's monopoly on workplace giving.](#) This has paved the way for many alternative funds that focus on social justice, and for the United Way to support more advocacy efforts.
- [Contested the Combined Federal Campaign's ban on advocacy organizations.](#) Nonprofits that engage in policy advocacy now receive more than \$50 million annually from federal employees through the CFC collection.
- [Called on community foundations to be more responsive to underserved populations.](#) Many now provide significantly more support for lower-income communities and communities of color.
- [Helped define social justice philanthropy.](#) We continue to influence the structure and direction of social justice giving.
- [Highlighted the effectiveness of conservative philanthropy's approach to public policy.](#) This influenced progressive grantmakers to be more strategic in pursuit of their goals.

[Learn about our ongoing initiatives](#)

[View complete list of publications](#)

## **Comprehensive Outreach**

Change can only happen when everyone who is affected has a seat at the table and has an opportunity to speak. Recognizing that we would not be as effective if we worked with only foundations, we make a concerted effort to collaborate with our colleagues in nonprofit organizations, the media and with local, regional and national policy makers.

## **Organizational Evaluation**

To assess NCRP's influence over philanthropic practices in the U.S., the organization carried out its first-ever organizational evaluation with the TCC Group in 2010. The TCC Group reviewed internal documents and data, conducted in-depth interviews with more than two dozen sector leaders, and surveyed hundreds of grantmakers and nonprofits. Explore some of NCRP's key findings from this process and read the [executive summary from the evaluation report](#) .